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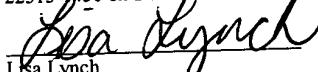
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SUPPRESSORS AND STEERING DIODES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response to Restriction Requirement is made in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2004 (the "Office Action"). In the Office Action, Examiner noted as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1: Fig. 1A  
Species 2: Fig. 2A

Species 3: Fig. 3A  
Species 4: Figs. 4A-4C  
Species 5: Fig. 9  
Species 6: Fig. 10  
Species 7: Fig. 11  
Species 8: Figs. 12-14

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Applicant responds that Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and 4A-4C disclose prior art. Inadvertently, such Figures were not labeled "PRIOR ART" in the informal drawings submitted with the original filing and are resubmitted herewith with such legend. Except for the addition of the words "PRIOR ART" to Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 3A and 4A-4C, no other changes have been made to the Figures. None of the Claims 1-154 in the present application claim the inventions enumerated as Species 1, 2, 3 and 4 as shown in Figures 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A-4C, respectfully.

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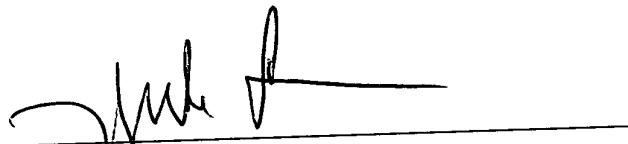
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With respect to Figures 9, 10, 11, and 12-14, Applicant first notes that the Claims that relate to Figures 9, 10, 11 and 12-14 are as follows:

Figure 9	Claims 1-25
Figure 10	Claims 26-50
Figure 11	Claims 51-72
Figures 12-14	Claims 73-154

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute in this application Claims 1-25, relating to Figure 9, comprising Species 5. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications with respect to Species 6, 7 and 8.

Respectfully submitted,



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